

ARMY Declass/Release Instructions On File

"Essential Elements of Information"

Chief Policy Staff

G-2

12 Nov 45

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Gen. Weckerling/72534/cm

In collaboration with Chief, MIS prepare action envisioning the adoption of War Department "Essential Elements of Information" for approval of the Chief of Staff to guide worldwide intelligence priority of effort.

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THRU: D/AC of S, G-2

FROM: Ch/Policy Staff

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1. Paragraph 11 b of AR 30-5 holds each commander, assisted by his Chief of Staff and G-2, responsible for designating Essential Elements of Information. Heretofore, no procedure has existed for the submission of the Essential Elements of Information to the Chief of Staff for approval. A standing operating procedure should be established by G-2 directive.

2. War Department General Staff Circular 5-24 places responsibility on the Military Intelligence Service for preparing the War Department Essential Elements of Information. The Chief, MIS has established the Intelligence Requirements Committee to assist the Director of Intelligence in discharging this responsibility.

3. In collaboration with the Chief, MIS, the Policy Staff has prepared a directive requiring that the Essential Elements of Information prepared by the Military Intelligence Service be forwarded periodically to Chief of Staff for his approval. In addition, this directive makes provision for informing the Chief of Staff of the action taken to obtain and disseminate the intelligence relative to these Essential Elements of Information.

4. MIS is now preparing the first study for the Chief of Staff in compliance with the proposed directive.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the AD of S, G-2 sign and dispatch the attached directive to Chief, MIS.

CONCURRENCE

Chief, MIS, ()

Incl:

Memo to Chief, MIS w/Summary Sheet &
3 Tabs.

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TO: Chief, Policy Staff FROM: G-2 Secretariat DATE: 26 Nov 45 COMMENT NO. 3

Memo rewritten and signed by Gen. Weckerling. Dispatched by Lt. Welsh to Chief, MIS
26 November 1945.

/s/ kem